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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: NOV 13 PLENARY STATEMENT

1. THE EIGHTY-FOURTH PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR
NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE NOV 13 WITH BULGARIAN REP DICHEV
DELIVERING THE ONLY STATEMENT. THE MAIN POINTS OF DICHEV'S
PRESENTATION WERE:

A. IN THE PRESENT CLIMATE OF WEAKENING INTERNATIONAL
TENSION, AND PARTICULARLY AS A RESULT OF THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF CSCE, CONDITIONS NOW ARE FAVORABLE FOR
IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO LIMIT THE ARMS RACE.

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B. UNFORTUNATELY, BOTH THE QUANTITY OF ARMAMENTS

IN THE WORLD AND THEIR DESTRUCTIVENESS CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

C. THE EQUITABLE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT DISTURBING THE EXISTING RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES OR GRANTING ANY UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES, IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN VIENNA AND TO THE REST OF EUROPE AS WELL.

D. SINCE BULGARIAN SECURITY IS CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THAT OF THE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES PARTICIPATING IN VIENNA, BULGARIA CANNOT AGREE TO PROPOSALS AIMED AT HARMING THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE SOCIALIST STATES.

E. SECURITY OF THE FLANK COUNTRIES CAN BE CONSOLIDATED ONLY IF REDUCTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AGREED AT THE PREPARATORY TALKS.

F. WHILE CALMING CONCERN OVER THE SECURITY OF THE FLANKS, MOST WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AVOID SPECIFYING THE CONCRETE REDUCTION MEASURES THEY ARE PREPARED TO TAKE IN THIS REGARD, MEASURES WHICH WOULD ENHANCE FLANK SECURITY.

G. THE EASTERN PROGRAM PROVIDES A REALISTIC AND COMPREHENSIVE WAY TO ACHIEVE THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

H. THE WESTERN APPROACH, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS ONE-SIDED, CONTRARY TO THE AGREED OBJECTIVE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND AIMED AT OBTAINING UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES FOR NATO.

I. IN ASSESSING THE STRENGTH OF ARMED FORCES, ONE MUST TAKE ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AS WELL AS MANPOWER INTO ACCOUNT AS THE EASTERN PROGRAM DOES.

J. IN THE BULGARIAN VIEW, PROGRESS IN VIENNA DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE READINESS TO THE WEST TO PAY ATTENTION TO EASTERN PROPOSALS AND CRITICISMS OF THE ALLIED
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2. THE FULL TEXT OF THE BULGARIAN STATEMENT FOLLOWS
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